

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Bible study & Intercessory Prayer – tonight – 6:30
- Wednesday night Bible Study / Class on Intercession - 6:30 –
- Sunday morning classes start June 27 – still waiting on curriculum –
 - Nursery – Sadie
 - Tommy Gay – adult class
 - Qorban and Cody – 7-12
 - Carol – 5-6
 - ?? – 3-4
 - Rachael – 1-2
 - ??– littles – THIS IS THE IMMEDIATE NEED -
 - Class on Current Events
 - Class on Holy Spirit if anyone wants such a class – all ages

INTEGRITY

A painting of a lion and its cub, symbolizing strength and integrity. The lion is on the right, looking towards the left, with a serious expression. The cub is on the left, looking towards the right. The background is dark and textured, suggesting a natural habitat.

- Integrity is not swayed by others
- Integrity is a life-long character trait
- Integrity trusts and acts on that trust
 - Do we want to trust Jesus?
 - Our trust is our gift to Jesus

TESTIMOMNIES



- Revelation 12:11 (NIV) ¹¹ They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.
- We all have a testimony that is tied to Jesus' shedding His blood
- We overcome the darkness by the blood of Jesus and by sharing our testimonies.
- Those testimonies will reveal our weaknesses, our struggles, and Jesus' faithfulness and love
- Which brings us to the next thread in Integrity



INTEGRITY: Part 6

Facing Our Mistakes

INTEGRITY

A painting of a lion and its cub. The lion is on the right, looking towards the cub on the left. The cub is looking back at the lion. The background is dark and textured.

- Integrity: What do we do when we make a mistake?
 - Honestly, how do we react when we make a mistake?
 - What do we say to ourselves?
 - What do we do when others point out our mistakes?
 - How do we react when we are disciplined?



INTEGRITY



- **NEVER**
- **Integrity acknowledges mistakes and weaknesses instead of covering them up**
- **Integrity presses on instead of pouting**
- **Integrity accepts the Lord's discipline for we are never too old to be disciplined**

FACING OUR MISTAKES



- We all make mistakes
 - James 3:2 (CEB) ² We all make mistakes often, but those who don't make mistakes with their words have reached full maturity. Like a bridled horse, they can control themselves entirely.
 - James is being honest with us
 - He is specifically addressing our world
 - If we never make a mistake when speaking, then we have reached full maturity
 - As for me, I am not there yet
 - However, we also make mistakes in other areas of our lives as well

FACING OUR MISTAKES



- We all make mistakes

- Romans 7:14–25 (NIV84) ¹⁴ We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. ¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.

FACING OUR MISTAKES



- We all make mistakes

– Romans 7:14–25 (NIV84) ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. ²¹ So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

FACING OUR MISTAKES



- **We all make mistakes**
 - His words are honest and true
 - On our own, we can not do what Jesus wants us to do
 - Instead, we will be led by the flesh, & that battle will never end
 - Mistakes and failures occur when we listen more to our flesh than to the Holy Spirit
 - Our hope lies in Jesus Christ, not in our own ability
 - Integrity acknowledges our weaknesses and depends solely on the Holy Spirit
 - Integrity does not run from mistakes
 - Integrity does not hide because of the fear of making mistakes
 - It allows those mistakes to humble us and bring us closer to Jesus

FACING OUR MISTAKES



- Integrity does not dwell on the past
 - Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV) ¹⁸ “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. ¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.
 - So, the enemy uses every mistake to convince us that we are not new creations but still the old ones
 - Forget the former things does not means we do not allow the past to determine our present or future
 - When we make a mistake, own it and repent, so it becomes a former thing
 - Integrity trusts Jesus to forgive, to restore, to equip, and to give us another try

FACING OUR MISTAKES



- **Integrity does not give up**

- **Philippians 3: 12-14 (NIV) ¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.**
- **Integrity does not focus on the past but on what is ahead**
- **Integrity does not quit because the going gets tough**
- **Integrity does not pout, feel sorry for itself, or beat itself up**
- **Integrity gets up, dusts itself off, and gives it another try**

FACING OUR MISTAKES



- **Finally, Integrity accepts discipline**

- Hebrews 12:4–8, 11 (NIV84) ⁴ In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵ And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: “My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, ⁶ because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.” ⁷ Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? ⁸ If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. ¹¹ No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

FACING OUR MISTAKES



- **Finally, Integrity accepts discipline**
 - Revelation 3:19 (NIV) [The Lord said,] ¹⁹ Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent.
 - It is difficult to accept discipline because we must first admit we are wrong and deserve it
 - Often, people are offended by discipline and walk away from it
 - Integrity humbles itself, accepts discipline, and learns from it
 - Integrity recognizes that the Lord's discipline is a measure of His love and not of his disapproval.

FACING OUR MISTAKES: DAVID

- 2 Samuel 12:5-10 (NIV) ⁵ David burned with anger against the [accused] man. “I solemnly swear, as the Lord lives,” he said to Nathan, “the man who did this certainly deserves to die! ⁶ And he must pay back four times the price of the lamb because he did this and had no pity.” ⁷ “You are the man!” Nathan told David. “This is what the Lord God of Israel says: I anointed you king over Israel and rescued you from Saul. ⁸ I gave you your master Saul’s house and his wives. I gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if this weren’t enough, I would have given you even more. ⁹ Why did you despise my word by doing what I considered evil? You had Uriah the Hittite killed in battle. You took his wife as your wife. You used the Ammonites to kill him. ¹⁰ So warfare will never leave your house because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.

FACING OUR MISTAKES: DAVID

Psalm 51:1-17 - ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. ² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. ⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. ⁶ Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. ⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

FACING OUR MISTAKES: DAVID

⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. ⁹ Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. ¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you. ⁴ Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. ¹⁵ Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. ¹⁶ You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. ¹⁷ My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

FACING OUR MISTAKES: DAVID

Acts 13:22 (NIV) ²² After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'

FACING OUR MISTAKES



- Peter

- Chastised Jesus and was rebuked

- Matthew 16:22-23 (NIV) ²² Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “God forbid *it*, Lord! This shall never happen to You.” ²³ But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God’s interests, but man’s.”

- Luke 22:62 (NASB) ⁶² And he [Peter] went out and wept bitterly.







INTEGRITY



- Integrity owns its mistakes, learns from them, and presses on
- Integrity does not dwell on the past; it learns from it
- Integrity does not give up
- It does not shy away from discipline or get offended
- Integrity looks inward instead of outward
- Integrity does not let mistakes hinder or stop it because integrity is a life-long trait



DANIEL

LIVING A LIFE OF FAITH

DANIEL 6:23

GOD BLESS

HAVE A FANTASTIC WEEK